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GENEVA PASS TO MR. LOWMAN

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1. OF POSSIBLE USE TO REFUGEE AFFAIRS PERSONNEL NOW IN GENEVA  
ARE DETAILS OF RECENT INFORMAL TALKS WITH LOCAL ICEM REP. HANS  
PETER BOE. PER REFTTEL, PARA 6, SOME OPERATIONAL COST DATA IS  
REPORTED IN FOLLOWING:

2. PRESENT ICEM OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR WAS SET UP AND STAFFED  
ACCORDING TO ESTIMATED NEEDS/REQUIREMENTS FOR IPP-77, OR FOR  
MOVEMENTS RANGING BETWEEN 4-500 REFUGEES A MONTH FOR 6-7  
MONTHS. (ESTIMATION MADE IN AUGUST, 1977). CONSECUTIVE DEPARTURE  
INCREASES IN APRIL AND MAY WERE MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH INCREASING  
NUMBER OF HOURS OVERTIME WORKED BY ICEM STAFF OF EIGHT LOCAL  
EMPLOYEES AND TWO (NORWEGIAN) OFFICIALS. A REQUEST WILL BE MADE  
TO ICEM HQ TO ALLOW STAFF AUGMENTATION STAFF OF TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES,  
TO ENHANCE SMOOTHNESS OF OERPATIONS UNDER THE REMAINDER OF  
IPP-78 AND FOR THE 25,000 PROGRAM. A REQUEST HAS ALSO BEEN  
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MADE TO AUTHORIZE SLIGHT  
INCREASES IN THE SALARIES OF TWO LOCAL ICEM STAFF WHO ARE  
PRESENTLY BEING PAID LESS THAN M\$400 PER MONTH (KL EMBASSY SCALE  
FSL 3/1). DESPITE ONLY MODEST INCREASE ON STAFFING COSTS,  
DEPARTURE RATE EX MALAYSIA UNDER US PROGRAM SOON EXPECTED TO DOUBLE  
OVER 77-78 AVERAGE OF ABOUT 500 PER MONTH.

3. REGARDING THE COST OF OVERTIME WORKED IN THE ICEN OFFICE DURING RECENT MONTHS, IT SHOULD BE MENTIONED THAT THE RATE OF REFUGEE MOVEMENTS INTO AND OUT OF MALAYSIA HAS RENDERED IT IMPOSSIBLE TO OFFSET EXPENDITURES AGAINST COMPENSATORY LEAVE.

4. ROUGH ESTIMATE OF ICEM STAFF, COMMUNICATIONS, LOCAL TRANSPORT AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS FIGURED AT ABOUT US\$7-8000 PER MONTH, NOT INCLUDING TWO RESIDENT ICEM OFFICIALS, ONE BEING THE MEDICAL OFFICER, WHOSE COMPENSATION, INCIDENTLY, IS DRAWN FROM A SPECIAL FUND CONTRIBUTED BY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT.

5. ICEM KUALA LUMPUR HAS ALWAYS DISPLAYED A POSITIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS OVERCOMING OBSTACLES TO REFUGEE PROCESSING AND MOVEMENT FROM MALAYSIA. THE KUALA LUMPUR OFFICE IS A RELIABLE PARTNER IN ACCOMPLISHING US PROGRAM OBJECTIVES AND, IT IS FELT, WILL MEET CHALLENGES OF MOVING EVER GROWING NUMBERS OF REFUGEES IN MONTHS TO COME.  
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